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FROM : AmEmbassy VIENTIANE

SUBJECT : Staff Del Pincus and Paul

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Enclosed are three documents regarding the visit to Laos from July 26 to July 31, of Walter H. Pincus and Roland A. Paul, staff members of the Senate Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreement and Commitments Abroad.

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1. Schedule for Staff Del (LOU)
2. Check-list of subjects discussed with Pincus and Paul at Udorn and Nakhorn Phanom (SECRET/LIMDIS)
3. Memorandum on Principal Subjects Discussed with Pincus and Paul in Laos (SECRET/LIMDIS)

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SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT OF  
 MR. WALTER H. PINCUS AND MR. ROLAND A. PAUL  
 THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON US SECURITY AGREEMENTS AND COMMITMENTS ABROAD

Control Officer: Samuel B. Thomsen  
 Asst. Control Officer: ADMIN/Lee Bajek  
 Asst. Control Officer: AIRA/Maj. Charles Loucks

<u>TIME &amp; DATE</u>	<u>ACTION AND LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>
<u>JULY 26 - SATURDAY</u>		
1725	Meet airplane; escort through customs, etc; accompany to accommodations at Ambassador's residence (Phone Emb 255).	ADMIN
2000	Stag Dinner at the Ambassador's residence.	AMB
<u>JULY 27 - SUNDAY</u>		
0930	Brunch and briefings with USAID Director at Director's residence; guests to be Mr. Chandler and Mr. Thomsen.	USAID/D
Afternoon	Consultations on itinerary and reading at Ambassador's residence.	Members of Country Team

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JULY 28 - MONDAY

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1000	Country Team Briefing - each member of the Country Team to present 20 minutes over view of responsibility, function, organization, problems and other items of interest.	USIS, ARMA, AIRA DEPCHIEF, RO, Air Support.
1300	Working Lunch at Lt. Col. Duskin's Residence.	ARMA
1500	Follow-up detailed conversations - at appropriate offices	Tentative: ARMA, AIRA RO, DEPCHIEF
2000	Dinner en Famille at Mr. Thomsen's Residence	POL

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<u>TIME &amp; DATE</u>	<u>ACTION AND LOCATION</u>	<u>ACTION OFFICE</u>
<u>JULY 29 - TUESDAY</u>		
0800	Depart for Ban Thalot by helicopter with USAID/DD-Mr. Chandler	USAID
0830	Arrive Ban Thalot; visit dam site, USAID compound and other sites of interest	USAID/CDA, Ban Thalot
1000	Depart for Vientiane by helicopter	USAID
1030	Arrive Vientiane	
1035	Depart for Luang Prabang by AIRA C-47	AIRA
1130	Arrive Luang Prabang; travel to USAID/AC office via AOC	USAID/AC and AAIRA
1200-1630	Briefings and visit in Luang Prabang	AIRA, USAID, ARMA, RO
1630	Depart for Vientiane	AIRA
1725	Arrive Vientiane; travel to lodgings Dinner (open)	ADMIN
<u>JULY 30 - WEDNESDAY</u>		
0820	Depart for Savannakhet by AIRA C-47	AIRA
0930	Arrive Savannakhet; met by USAID/AC	USAID
1000-1600	Briefings and visit in Savannakhet	USAID/AC, AIRA, ARMA, RO
1620	Depart for Vientiane by C-47	
1730	Arrive Vientiane; proceed to lodgings	ADMIN
1930	Working dinner at Col. Tyrrell's residence	AIRA

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JULY 31 - THURSDAY

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0900

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1000

Final briefings as desired at  
appropriate offices

To be decided

1130

Final meeting with Ambassador at  
Embassy

AMB

1200

Lunch and prepare for departure at  
Ambassador's Residence

AMB

1250

Depart for airport; assist through  
customs and other formalities

ADMIN

1315

Depart Vientiane

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ADMIN.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Pincus/Paul: Possible Subjects of Interest Based  
on Report of Visit to Udorn and  
Nakhorn Phanom

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Following is a check list of subjects in which Pincus/Paul indicated interest during their trip to Udorn and Nakhorn Phanom:

1. Lao training in Thailand
2. Thai Airops in Laos (B-Team)
3. B-52 operations in north and south Laos
4. USAF losses over Laos
5. SAR operations in Laos
6. USAF contracts with Air America
7. Air America operations in Thailand and Laos
8. Peppergrinder
9. Target validation procedures for Laos
10. NVN infiltration through Laos
11. Prairie Fire
12. Road watch teams
13. Level of U.S. participation in the war in Laos
14. Arrangements between AIRA/ARMA Vte and:
  - a. DEPCHEIF
  - b. 7/13th AF
  - c. MACV etc and Prairie Fire

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Files

FROM: POL - Samuel B. Thomsen

SUBJECT: Summary of Principal Subjects Discussed with Pincus and Paul.

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1. USAID

USAID Director described history of the agreement in 1962 to furnish MAP to the Royal Lao Government. Specifically noted was that the United States Government had agreed to support the Government of National Union after a request by the government which had the approval of the entire RIO cabinet including the Pathet Lao elements.

2. USIS

USIS briefing consisted of a description of country plan, including assistance to Ministry of Information such as the Lao Photo Sheet and radio programming. Aside from questions on detail, one brief principal question was: "How did the current relationship between USIS and the Ministry of Information start?"

3. ARMA

Questions dealt with composition, function and history of the ARMA presence in Laos, including the genesis of "404".

4. DEPCHIEF

Subjects of questions included "404", "Peppergrinder", status of H-34's, relationship of Depchief to USAF, genesis of the B-Team program, Thai motivation for supporting the B-Team, reason for our desire to phase out B-Team, and a description of U.S. and Third Country training.

5. Air Support

Among the few questions asked were a request for clarification of the relationship between Continental [redacted] and whether or not Peppergrinder aircraft are really USAF.

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6. AIRA

AIRA was asked the following questions: when the B-Team and armed reconnaissance began, if we gave any quid pro quo when we asked for and were given authority by the Lao to bomb the trail, when MSQ was put in place, deployment of AIRA personnel, utilization of the B-team, who services TACAN and MSQ, the loss of men in early 1968 at Site 85 (Phu Pha Thi), on what basis we have authority over the B-Team, and specific questions regarding AGM 45, Combat Skyspot, MSQ and enemy helicopter sightings.

7. USAID/RO

Questions were asked regarding general support level and composition, training, ammunition usage, FAR troop strength, usage of M-16 and details of RO organization throughout the country.

8. USAID/Luang Prabang

Questions were asked regarding American and general population figures in Luang Prabang, refugees, and the draft system.

9. AIRA/Luang Prabang

Questions were asked regarding the AIRA staff at Luang Prabang and the composition and effectiveness of the RLAF in Luang Prabang.

10. USAID/RO/Luang Prabang

RO was quizzed on his organizations and problems of transporting supplies to Luang Prabang.

11. AIRA/Savannakhet

Numerous questions were asked of AIRA/Savannakhet, touching on most areas of activity in that region, including: FAC procedures,  problems of validation in Steel Tiger; details of Commando Skyspot, "Viking", and "Invert"; SAR operations, including coordination procedures and methods of recovering aircraft; PL propaganda on USAF downings; RLAF utilization and misuse of C-47s; USAF sortie rate against the Trail; the general security situation in MR III; USAF support for FAR; life under the Pathet Lao; TACAN sites, particularly Channel 72 on the Bolovens and Site 77 at Muong Phalane, which was over-run in December 1967 with two U.S. killed; and Air American weather and radio sites.

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12. ARMA/Savannakhet

ARMA was queried on the procedures for issuing ammunition.

13. USAID/Savannakhet

USAID was queried in detail on American personnel in an attempt to determine [REDACTED]

14. USAID/RO/Savannakhet

He was asked about misappropriation of equipment and supplies, the source of POL for South Laos, and reactions by the Lao to the acquisition of the M-16.

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SUBJ: STAFFDEL PINCUS AND PAUL

REF: STATE 99861

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1. PINCUS AND PAUL ARRIVED VIENTIANE EVENING JULY 26 FROM BANGKOK. THEY SPENT EVENING AT COUNTRY TEAM DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN REVIEW OF USG PROGRAMS HERE AND OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY SITUATION, INCLUDING SECURITY BRIEFING. MORNING OF JULY 27 STAFFDEL HAD WORKING BRUNCH WITH USAID DIRECTOR AND RECEIVED DESCRIPTION OF USAID PROGRAMS IN LAOS. THAT EVENING THEY HAD WORKING DINNER WITH

2. JULY 28 THEY ATTENDED COUNTRY TEAM MEETING AND RECEIVED BRIEFINGS FROM USIS, ARMA, DEPCHIEF, USAID/AIR SUPPORT, AIRA, AND USAID/RO. JULY 29 STAFFDEL INSPECTED AIR AMERICA/USAID FACILITIES AT WATTAY AIRPORT, OVERFLEW NAM NGUM DAM SITE AND BAN THALAT WITH USAID CDAA LORING WAGGONER, AND THEN FLEW TO LUANG PRABANG WHERE THEY RECEIVED BRIEFINGS FROM REGIONAL USAID, USAID/RO, ARMA, AND AIRA REPS AND VIEWED RLAF FLIGHTLINE AND COC.



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4. DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY PINCUS AND PAUL INCLUDED:

- A. MILITARY SUPPORT BUDGETS FOR FY69 AND FY60 (SECRET);
- B. FIGURES ON US AND THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING FOR LAO MILITARY FROM DEPCHIEF (CONF);
- C. USAID MEMO ON PATHET LAO (UNCLASSIFIED);
- D. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS REGARDING USE OF THAI T-28 PILOTS IN LAOS (B-TEAM) (CLASSIFICATION UNKNOWN). FIRST TWO SETS OF DOCUMENTS WERE SEEN BY PINCUS AND PAUL AND HAVE BEEN SENT ON TO THEM IN WASHINGTON VIA ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS. THIRD SET WAS GIVEN TO STAFFDEL WITH ADDITIONAL COPIES BEING FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO THEM. FOURTH SET OF DOCUMENTS IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE.

5. BASED ON THEIR LINES OF QUESTIONING AND REMARKS PINCUS AND PAUL WERE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT:

- A. US COMMITMENTS TO RLG, WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN, IN RETURN FOR RIGHT TO BOMB IN TRAIL AREA;
- B. SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENTS AMONG THAI, LAO, AND US REGARDING THAI DEPLOYMENTS IN LAOS, EG, SIERRA ROMEO AND B TEAM, AND OTHER FORMS OF THAI SUPPORT;
- C. EXTENT AND DETAIL OF US INVOLVEMENT IN LAOS (E.G., FAC PROGRAM, 404);
- D. EFFECTIVENESS OF US CONTROL AND COORDINATION PROCEDURES BOTH IN-COUNTRY AND AMONG AMERICAN MISSION SIN VIENTIANE, SAIGON, AND BANGKOK;
- E. EFFECTIVENESS OF RLG EFFORTS TO HELP THEMSELVES.

6. VISITORS GAVE CLEAR INDICATION AT END OF STAY THAT THEY WERE PLEASED WITH ARRANGEMENTS, FULLY SATISFIED WITH BRIEFINGS AND RESPONSES TO THEIR QUESTIONS, AND IMPRESSED WITH QUALITY OF AMERICAN COORDINATED EFFORT IN LAOS. PINCUS NOTED HE AND PAUL WERE



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